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PREVIOUSLY IN AGE OF ULTRON...

YEARS AGO, FOUNDING AVENGER HENRY PYM INVENTED THE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE KNOWN AS ULTRON. ONCE ULTRON BECAME SENTIENT, HE DEDICATED HIS LIFE TO RIDDING THE EARTH OF HUMANKIND. THE AVENGERS FOILED HIS EVERY ATTEMPT, BUT SOME PREDICTED THAT WITH HIS CONTINUOUSLY INCREASING INTELLIGENCE, ULTRON WOULD EVENTUALLY FIND A WAY TO DEFEAT THEM. THAT DAY HAS COME.

UNTOLD MILLIONS DIED. THE SURVIVING HEROES WERE DRIVEN UNDERGROUND BY ULTRON'S PATROLS. AFTER DISCOVERING ULTRON WAS PURCHASING SUPER-POWERED INDIVIDUALS, CAPTAIN AMERICA HATCHED A RISKY PLAN TO GET AN AGENT ON THE INSIDE. LUKE CAGE SET OUT WITH AN UNCONSCIOUS SHE-HULK ON HIS SHOULDER TO SELL. HOWEVER, ULTRON'S ROBOT PATROLS BROUGHT THEM NOT TO ULTRON HIMSELF, BUT A HORRIFYING VISION.

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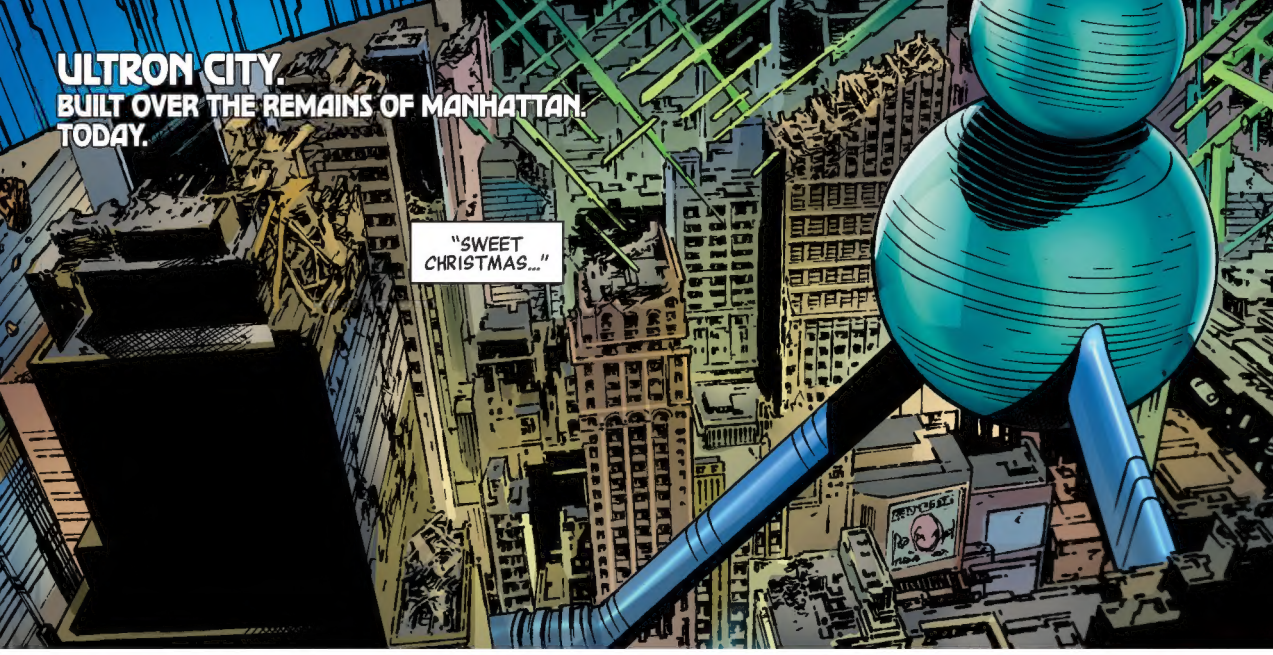
ULTRON CITY.
BUILT OVER THE REMAINS OF MANHATTAN.
TODAY.
"SWEET CHRISTMAS..."

VISION.
HEY, YO! VISION! YOU HEARIN' ME?!
I--I WANT TO TALK TO ULTRON.

LUKE CAGE. WHAT DOOO YOOUU HAVE TO OFF...ER?

AM I TALKING TO YOU? DID YOU DO THIS?
WHO AM I TALKING TO?

ULTRON CAN HEAR YOU.
ULTRON CAN SEE YOU.
YEAH?
WHERE IS HE?

UH... HELLO?

HE CONTROLS FROM THE FUTURE!
HE WATCHES AND CONTROLS US ALL FROM THE FUAAGGH!
AAARRGGHH!
HE'S--
THE DAMN ROBOT'S NOT EVEN HERE?
WHATTTRRRR-- WHAT DDDO YOU OFFER?
WELL, I'VE HEARD ENOUGH.
JENNIFER, WHAT ARE YOU--?
MAKE SURE YOU TELL TONY STARK EVERYTHING YOU SAW HERE.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
THIS ISN'T--!
HUUAAGH!
NO!

CRASH
I TOLD HIM I WAS STRONGER THAN HIM.
I'M ALMOST THE STRONGEST ONE THERE IS.
FAKANG
SHAKANG
NOW, VISION, ABOUT THAT--

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YOU KILLED MY WIFE!
YOU KILLED MY BABY!
CANG
DID YOU THINK I WAS JUST GONNA--
BANK ST
ONE WAY
WAY

KILLED MY FRIENDS!
BAASSHH

NNAAGH!
SAN FRANCISCO.
112 FEET BELOW SURFACE LEVEL.
BAD DREAM, MOON KNIGHT?
I DREAMT THAT THE WORLD HAD COME TO AN END.
UH-HUH.
AND THAT I WAS STUCK IN ONE OF NICK FURY'S SECRET BUNKERS UNDER SAN FRANCISCO WITH A SURLY BLACK WIDOW WHO...
OH, WAIT.
YOU ONLY SLEPT FOR THREE HOURS.
YOU WANT TO TRY AGAIN?
WHAT ARE YOU READING?
THAT BLACK BOX WE COULDN'T OPEN... I OPENED IT.
WHAT WAS IN IT?
FURY'S END OF THE WORLD SCENARIOS.
PRINTED UP ALL NICE AND NEAT LIKE THAT?
IT'S FURY. THE GUY WAS READY FOR ANYTHING.
EVEN THIS?
EVEN THIS.
WHAT DOES IT SAY?
FURY HAS EMERGENCY UNDERGROUND BUNKERS IN A FEW OTHER PLACES. ONE SPECIFICALLY FOR THE END OF THE WORLD.
ANYWHERE WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE?
SAVAGE LAND.
SAVAGE LAND?
SO--SO THERE MIGHT BE OTHERS THERE?
LONG WAY TO ANTARCTICA FOR A MAYBE.

I'M OPEN TO SUGGESTIONS.
WELL, THIS IS FURY'S.
ARE YOU KIDDING ME WITH THIS?
YOU ASKED FOR A SUGGESTION. THAT'S A SUGGESTION.
HAVE YOU EVER DONE ANYTHING LIKE THIS BEFORE?
NO ONE HAS.
"SO ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS SNEAK OUT OF THE CITY AND FIND A WAY TO THE SOUTH POLE."
"THAT'S ALL."

ABOVE NEW YORK.

EVERYONE KEEP AN EYE ON THE SKY.

AND AN EYE ON EACH OTHER.

WOW, THAT'S A LONG WAY DOWN!

HARD TO BREATHE.

CAN SHE GO ANY FASTER?

SHE'S DOING THE BEST SHE CAN, PIETRO.

HOW YOU HOLDING UP, STORM?

I'M GOOD.

I'M BETTER OUT HERE IN THE OPEN AIR THAN I AM LOCKED IN A CAVE!

BUT I NEED TO CONCENTRATE!

JEEZ.

YOU GUYS HEAR THAT? THAT WAS INSANE.

WAS THAT A REAL ACTUAL NUCLEAR BLAST, STARK?

I THINK SO. NEVER SEEN ONE BEFORE.

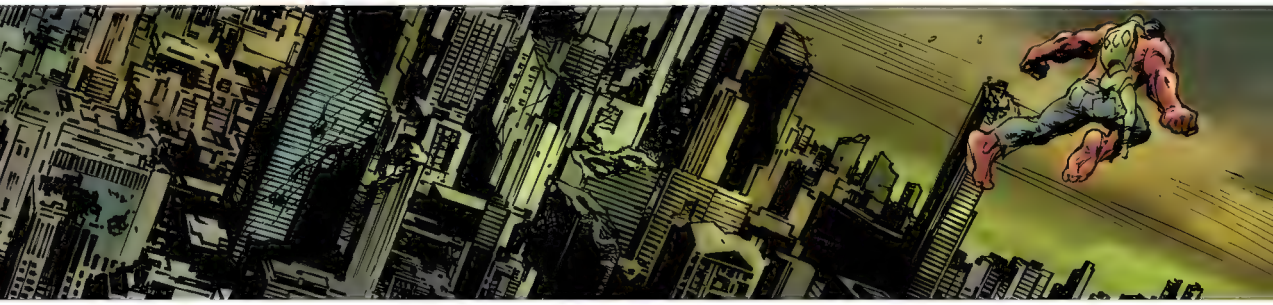
LET'S HOPE THAT WASN'T CAGE OR SHE-HULK IN THERE.

EVERYONE GRAB ON TO THE PERSON NEXT TO YOU!

I CAN KEEP US INVISIBLE AT LEAST UNTIL WE'RE OUT OF THE CITY LIMITS.

CHICAGO.
Hiya
POLICE
AGH!
SMASH

WHERE ARE YOU GOING, TASKMASTER?
YOU WERE ABANDONING SHIP.
I-I-I WAS GETTING THE HELL OUT OF THERE.
N-NO, HULK. NO WAY.
WE MADE A PLAN.
THE PLAN WAS TO GRAB SOME ULTRON TECH AND GET THE HELL OUT OF THE CITY.
I WAS--
I DON'T TRUST YOU.
SMASH



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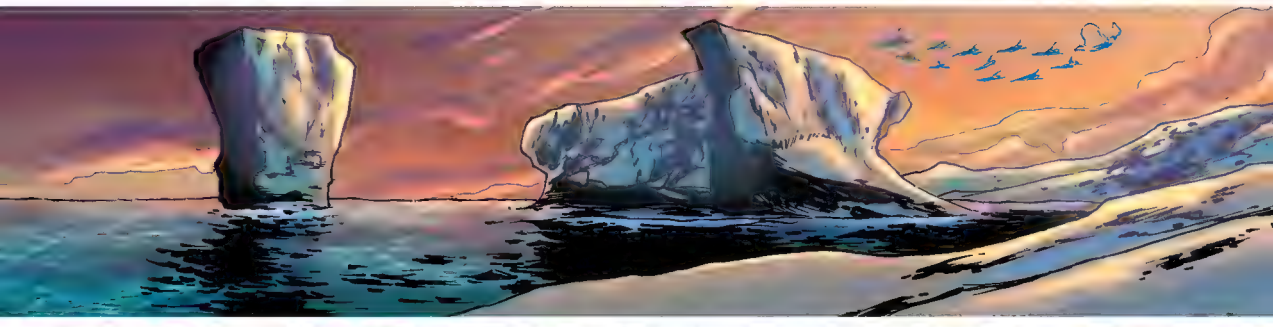
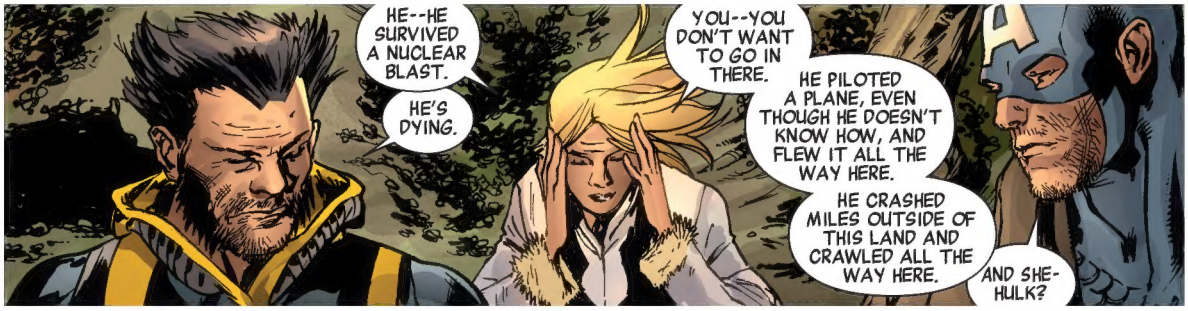


LATER

THE SAVAGE LAND, ANTARCTICA.
OH MY GOD, THIS PLACE IS WORSE THAN NEW YORK.
YEAH...THIS IS ABOUT WHAT I THOUGHT WE WOULD FIND.
THERE'S A QUINJET?
AN OLD ONE.
WOLVERINE, EMMA, WHAT DO YOU SENSE?
BUT WHO WAS FLYING IT?
NOTHING ON MY END.
BUT I TOLD YOU GUYS-- MY PSYCHIC POWERS AREN'T WHAT THEY USED TO BE.
ALL THIS NIGHTMARE HAPPENED DAYS AGO AT LEAST.
AIN'T NO MACHINES AROUND HERE AS FAR AS I CAN SMELL.
DON'T LIKE BEING OUT IN THE OPEN LIKE THIS.
WHERE DO WE GO?
WE STAY ON HIGH GROUND.
NO. WE HEAD INLAND. TO THE CITADEL.
WAIT!
THERE...
IT'S HIM.
HUH.
WHO IS IT?

KA-ZAR.
LORD OF THE SAVAGE LAND.
FOLLOW ME.
WHAT HAPPENED HERE?
YOUR SOCIETY FAILED.
WELL, THAT'S A BIT--
NO.
HE'S RIGHT.
WHERE ARE WE GOING, LORD KA-ZAR?
WE'RE ALREADY HERE.
IS THIS ALL THAT'S LEFT OF ALL YOUR--?
YES.
WHAT YOU SEEK IS IN THERE.
NO!
S-STOP.
WHAT IS IT?
IT'S--
IT'S CAGE.
CAGE IS IN THERE.


HE--HE SURVIVED A NUCLEAR BLAST.
HE'S DYING.
YOU--YOU DON'T WANT TO GO IN THERE.
HE PILOTED A PLANE, EVEN THOUGH HE DOESN'T KNOW HOW, AND FLEW IT ALL THE WAY HERE.
HE CRASHED MILES OUTSIDE OF THIS LAND AND CRAWLED ALL THE WAY HERE.
AND SHE-HULK?

HE KNOWS ULTRON'S SECRET.
THE REASON WE CAN'T GET TO ULTRON IS BECAUSE HE--HE ISN'T HERE.
WHAT?
HE IS PUNISHING US FROM THE FUTURE.
HE IS USING THE VISION AS A CONDUIT.
THE VISION? *OUR VISION?*
DAMN IT. THAT EXPLAINS A LOT.

HE'S--HE JUST...

HE--HE SHOULD'VE DIED IN THE BLAST.
HE WOULDN'T LET GO UNTIL HE TOLD US WHAT WE NEEDED TO DO NEXT.
WHICH IS?
WE GO GET ULTRON.

AND WE WIPE EVEN THE IDEA OF HIM OUT OF EXISTENCE.
ENTIRELY.
AND GOD BLESS NICK FURY, BECAUSE WE KNOW JUST HOW TO DO IT.
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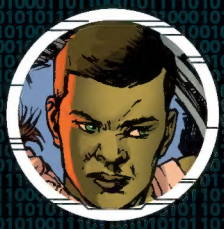
THE VISION

LUKE CAGE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STORM

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IRON MAN

EMMA FROST

VALKYRIE

DAISYJOHNSON

CAPTAIN AMERICA

WOLVERINE

SUE STORM

QUICKSILVER

MONICA RAMBEAU

TASKMASTER

RED HULK

KA-ZAR

NEXT:

IT ALL COMES CRASHING DOWN!